

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF ADITYA SOLAR SHOPS
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposed to set up Aditya Solar Shops to make renewable energy products easily available to the people in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the criteria for selection of sites and the names of States where such shops are proposed to be set up;
- (d) whether the Union Government has provided any grant for setting up such shops; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the number of such shops likely to be opened during the current financial year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is implementing a programme under which financial assistance is provided for the establishment of retail outlets known as Aditya Solar Shops in various cities and towns of the country. The main purpose of the programme is to make renewable energy products easily available to people and to provide effective service facilities. The shops also provide information on various renewable energy products. The programme is at present implemented mainly through State Renewable Energy Agencies.

(c): Locations for the establishment of the shops are identified by the State agencies and recommended to the Ministry. A statement showing the number of Aditya Solar Shops functioning in each state is given in the Annexure.

(d): Yes, Sir. Central financial assistance is provided in accordance with the provisions of the scheme.

(e): Central financial assistance of up to Rs. 5.00 lakhs per shop and a recurring grant of Rs. 50,000/- per year for two years is provided for the establishment of Aditya Solar Shops owned by State Governments/Agencies. A grant of Rs. 50,000/- per Aditya Solar Shop is provided for shops being established by private entrepreneurs. In addition, an amount of Rs. 50,000/- per shop per year up to a maximum of Rs. 10.00 lakhs may also be provided to each state agency for publicity of Aditya Shops.

The number of shops likely to be opened during the current financial year depends on the receipt of proposals finalized and recommended by the State agencies. 4 Aditya Solar shops in West Bengal, 11 in Gujarat and 9 in Andhra Pradesh are under establishment during the current financial year.

Annexure

Statement showing the number of Aditya Solar Shops established in each State

Sl.No. State No. of Aditya Solar shops

1	Andhra Pradesh	12
2	Arunachal Pradesh	6
3	Bihar	1
4	Chattisgarh	1
5	Gujarat	3
6	Haryana	4
7	Himachal Pradesh	1
8	Jammu & Kashmir	1
9	Karnataka	1
10	Kerala	3
11	Madhya Pradesh	1
12	Maharashtra	6
13	Manipur	1

14	Mizoram	1
15	Nagaland	2
16	Orissa	2
17	Punjab	2
18	Rajasthan	2
19	Sikkim	1
20	Tamil Nadu	3
21	Tripura	2
22	Uttar Pradesh	6
23	Uttaranchal	5
24	West Bengal	4
25	Delhi	1
26	Pondicherry	1

Total 73